

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I BECOME A CERTIFIED METHAMPHETAMINE CLEANUP CONTRACTOR?

Your company must submit a Statement of Qualification (SOQ) to the Division of Remediation, at the address below. At a minimum someone from the company should have taken a supervisor level CML training course such as the CML class from the University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services, or Oregon or Washington State's supervisor level course. In addition, TDEC expects that contractors seeking authorization to perform CML cleanups will have some level of previous experience with decontamination. This is explained in more detail below.

ABIH Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH) are certified by rule. However, CIH's must submit a Statement of Qualifications, and obtain an identification number prior to performing cleanup services in Tennessee. The SOQ's must include proof of your ABIH Certification.

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Cleanup companies are certified on the basis of individuals. An authorized individual must be present at CML cleanups at all times. *Please be advised that the training, in and of itself, does not result in authorization.*

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD GO INTO MY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION (SOQ)?

Your SOQ must include the information detailed in TDEC's Interim Process-How to be added to the list of contractors authorized to clean-up properties where methamphetamine was manufactured, dated December 2, 2010. The interim process can be found here: http://www.state.tn.us/environment/dor/pdf/meth_contractor_appr_proc.pdf

Please read this guidance carefully prior to contacting TDEC with questions.

The interim process provides details of the types of experience that TDEC considers relevant. Methamphetamine specific training is generally 2-3 days, and covers topics at a fast pace. TDEC believes that some level of prior experience is necessary to ensure that contractors have a fundamental working knowledge of the principles of decontamination, cross-contamination, waste management, and proper documentation.

Please be sure to include the contact information as you would like yourself or your company listed on the website

MUST I HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE?

A degree is not required to become a cleanup contractor or supervisor. However, to become a CML hygienist, one must have the basic educational foundation cited in TCA 62-40-101. The combination of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in one of the courses of study cited and a supervisor level training course is sufficient basis to become a CML hygienist.

WHAT IS A CML HYGIENIST?

A CML hygienist tests methamphetamine-affected properties to see if remediation is necessary before a cleanup is initiated (such as at properties which are not quarantined but methamphetamine activity is suspected) or whether remediation is complete after a property has been cleaned. A CML Hygienist also collects all documentation related to a CML cleanup and prepares a documentation package and Certificate of Fitness, stating that the property is safe for human habitation.

To become certified, one must have the basic educational foundation cited in TCA 62-40-101. The combination of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in one of the courses of study cited and completing a supervisor level training course is sufficient basis to become a CML hygienist.

A Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) by training, education, and statute is able to perform all CML Hygienist services (testing and certification) and may supervise cleanup. ABIH Certified Industrial Hygienists must submit a Statement of Qualifications and obtain an identification number prior to performing these services.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR TRAINING?

The University of Tennessee Center For Industrial Services holds classes on the cleanup of methamphetamine-affected properties. The telephone number is 1-800-424-3905. Other training may be considered equivalent. This would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

I AM A CERTIFIED INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST (CIH). HOW DO I GET LISTED ON YOUR WEBSITE?

Please send an SOQ to the Division of Remediation at the address below. Include your ABIH certification number, your contact information as you want it listed on the website, and email address if you would like that listed as well. Please make sure that you include the sworn statements found in the Interim guidelines referenced above. The interim process is located at this link:

http://www.state.tn.us/environment/dor/pdf/meth_contractor_appr_proc.pdf

A CIH has all the qualifications and statutory authority to clean, test, and certify clean any CML. TDEC strongly recommends that a person with CIH credentials complete a training course in methamphetamine cleanup for the sake of becoming familiar with the particular hazards at former methamphetamine laboratories.

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WHAT IS HAZWOPER?

This is the OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response course ([1910.120\(a\)\(1\)\(i-v\)](#) and [1926.65\(a\)\(1\)\(i-v\)](#)). It is a 40-hour course teaching the concepts of personal protective equipment, chemical hygiene, respirator usage, chemical toxicity, and many other concepts important to people who work with hazardous wastes. This course is an OSHA requirement for people working on methamphetamine laboratories or in any hazardous waste environment. Because mastering the above-mentioned concepts is critical for understanding the concepts in CML training, HAZWOPER is also a prerequisite for the methamphetamine cleanup class held by the University of Tennessee.

If one has training similar to the HAZWOPER but cannot complete a HAZWOPER training course prior to the CML contractor course, admission is at the discretion of the instructor. It would be unfair to the class and to the pupil to have to repeat prerequisite concepts.